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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter to express my satisfaction of the fact that the Justice Department finally settled the antitrust suit with Microsoft. The dispute lasted much too long, and in that time, the economy went from thriving to stagnant and stuck in a recession. I would like to go on record as supporting this long overdue settlement.

I have worked in the Real Estate business for 35 years, and run my own commercial agency. Microsoft has been invaluable to my employees and me by simplifying and standardizing computing. Windows is an outstanding operating system offered at a very reasonable price that any small business can easily afford. If Microsoft's competitors are not capable of or unwilling to produce a comparable system that is competitively priced why should consumers like me be penalized? It seems to me this is why they have spent more money and time on lobbying legislators than on research and development. This has obviously worked since one of the terms in the settlement is that Microsoft is going to have to turn over source code and information about the design of Windows.

I appreciate the fact that my opinion can go on record, and again, I fully support the Microsoft settlement.

Sincerely,

Tom Morris